

***Sanctuary Advisory Council
Business & Tourism Activity Panel
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary***

Meeting Date: July 26, 2001

Time: 9:30-11:00 AM

Location: Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Conference Room

Attendance: Dave Ebert, US Abalone, BTAP Chair; SAC member

Joe Cavanaugh, Monterey Abalone Company

Bryndie Beach, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

Erica Burton, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

Karen Grimmer, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

Liz Love, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

Steve Scheiblaue, City of Monterey

Rebecca Fisher, Save Our Shores

Cherie Kilian, The Ocean Conservancy

Kathy Mendes

Draft Meeting Notes - a Summary of the Meeting's Proceedings.

Welcome and Introductions

Dave Ebert, BTAP Chair gave welcoming comments. Individual introductions commenced.

California Marine Life Protection Act – Proposed MPAs – Erica Burton

Erica began by defining the Marine Life Protection Act. She introduced the California Fish and Game Department's initial draft concepts by passing out a handout that illustrated the proposed Marine Protected Areas within the Sanctuary boundaries. She defined the three different types of MPA's being proposed (State Marine Reserve, State Marine Park, State Marine Conservation Area). The MBNMS Staff had written an initial comment letter to the DFG in response to their proposal. Erica summarized the letter. (For a copy of the MBNMS letter, please visit the SAC website:

<http://www.mbnms.nos.noaa.gov/Intro/advisory/080301SACfiles/MBNMStoCalifDeptFG071701.pdf>). The letter requested that the State seek input from stakeholder groups, and specifically suggests the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries, and its co-chairs as a place to start. The letter requested that the State consider the socioeconomic data, as the Sanctuary is currently getting funding from Sea Grant and the MPA Center to engage those studies. Regarding the proposed MPA's, there is currently no protection for pelagic areas. So the letter suggested the addition of two areas up by Ano Nuevo and Point Sur. The Sanctuary also requested ongoing monitoring of the MPA areas.

Steve Scheiblaue offered his perspective and described how disappointed he was with this process. He felt that stakeholders have excluded, the maps had been released very late, the comment periods at the public meetings were curtailed due to breakout groups, and in general, the timeline for the process was not clear in regards to taking written comments and public testimony. He also explained that the Alliance for Communities for Sustainable Fisheries were working on a response to DFG, and that there was an opportunity for

individuals and groups to request a time extension for public input be included in the Flores Bill AB1673. Steve will get the BTAP the information.

Ecosystem Observations 2001 (MBNMS Annual Report) Planning – Liz Love

Liz passed out a handout with the main topics on the board for next years publication. She explained that the report includes articles about the ecosystems and habitats of the Sanctuary, and attempts to update the public on research findings and the status of the Sanctuary's resources. Since 2002 is the Sanctuary's 10th year anniversary, the staff had requested that the articles look back over the past ten years. Liz requested input from the BTAP for the Human Interactions section. Joe Cavanaugh suggested an article on aquaculture that describes the trends over the past decade. The group endorsed the idea, and Dave Ebert, working with Joe will submit a draft article to Liz.

BTAP Issues Relative to the MBNMS Management Plan Review – Dave Ebert

Dave explained that the Sanctuary is getting ready to update it's existing management plan, and is requesting input from the BTAP on issues of concern. On the October 5, 2001 Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting, all four working groups of the SAC will present their issues to the Council. This will give the Council input prior to their upcoming public scoping meeting, tentatively scheduled for December.

Steve Scheiblauer suggested a BTAP subcommittee be formed to meet in August, prior to the next BTAP meeting in September, to begin formulating a list of issues to present to the SAC. A number of BTAP members were identified for the subcommittee. Dave and Steve will coordinate a meeting at the Monterey Harbor Office.

Steve also requested that SAC member contact information be made available on the web. That information can now be accessed at the SAC website:

<http://www.mbnms.nos.noaa.gov/Intro/advisory/sacmem.html>

New Agenda Items for future meetings.

BTAP presentation to SAC regarding the MBNMS Management Plan Review

Next meeting date September 12, 2001 in Santa Cruz

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Notes submitted by Karen Grimmer, MBNMS Advisory Council Coordinator